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THE EVENING NEWS

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Bulgin Gets Evidence.

Special to News
Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 22.—After two weeks devoted strictly to evangelistic work, Dr. E. J. Bulgin, the well known reformer-preacher, has commenced a rather sensational application of his doctrines to local conditions. His associates have procured bottled evidence against forty-seven joints now running in the city and have other evidence against four gambling halls and nineteen business men who are habitual gamblers. He has accused officers of condoning vice and promises to hew still closer to the line before his meetings close.

Some Speed Artists.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 22.—Modestly laying claims to the premiere honors as a Marathoner on a typewriting machine, H. B. Press, who is transcribing the evidence in the Cunningham

case at the Alaska coal land inquiry in Spokane, has issued a challenge to operators to a contest of speed, accuracy and endurance for anywhere from \$50 to \$5,000 a side open to the world. He stipulates, however, that at no time for any one minute during the trial shall the speed be less than 50 words a minute and this must continue until one of the competitors is exhausted. Since coming to Spokane, 10 days ago, Press has worked full eight hours daily, transcribing from graphophone, stopping only long enough to change cylinders and place fresh paper in the writing machine. He writes at a speed ranging from 65 to 80 words a minute and frequently makes bursts of 100 words, which he maintains for pages of matter. He believes he can outdistance any operator in the world in a Marathon and will go anywhere to back up his claims.



President Charles H. Briles of the East Central State Normal, the most prominent educator, out of politics and without political aspirations, in Oklahoma, President Briles is prominently mentioned for the presidency of the State Teachers' Association, which assembles in Oklahoma City next week.

J. L. STALLINGS, WELL KNOWN

FARMER, TAKES OWN LIFE

One Week Ago Last Monday His Body Was Found Within a Mile of His Home. Dead By Taking Morphine

NOTE LEFT BY SUICIDE.

"I am tired of living. Don't grieve about me. It is getting dark, my eyes are nearly blind."

Word reached here yesterday of the death of J. L. Stallings, one of the best known farmers of Pontotoc county.

A son of the dead man was in the city yesterday and brought the sad message of the death of his father which was inflicted by himself one week ago last Monday. He told the story of the suicide to Attorney J. W. Bolen, a personal friend of Mr. Stallings, and who in a legal way transacted business with him a short time previous to his death.

About two weeks ago Stallings came to Ada and remained here until Saturday the 11th when he went to Ardmore via the Frisco. He returned, and on the following Monday went to Weleetka. Mr. Bolen, just before which he had collected for him and his departure gave him some money it is understood Mr. Stallings deposited the money in a local bank. Mr. Bolen accompanied him to the Frisco depot and conversed with him until he boarded the train. He seemed to be in good spirits at this time.

The Son's Story.

Mr. Stallings was seen by several friends upon his arrival at Weleetka and that he was in a cheerful mood is attested to by the fact that he waved his hat to his friends in acknowledgment to their greetings.

He soon left Weleetka, going in the direction of his home, which is about two miles from that place. After walking about a mile he sat down near a tree. Shortly afterward, two empty boxes marked morphine and the following note to his wife were found:

"I am tired of living. Don't grieve about me. It is getting dark, my eyes are nearly blind."

The son said the family has no idea why his father took his own life, except as the note read, he was tired of life. So far as he knew his financial condition was good and there was absolutely no domestic trouble.

Mr. Stallings lived for several years three miles west of Ada and was a very popular gentleman, always making friends, and financially was considered "well fixed." He

moved to near Weleetka only a short time ago and stated to friends here that his removal was the decision of his wife—and himself—to locate near

that his removal was the decision of hers and a son, who lived near Weleetka.

RICH WOMEN DIRECT STRIKE

Miss Morgan and Mrs. Belmont Assist Shirtwaist Workers.

New York, Dec. 21.—Miss Annie Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, mistress of millions, appeared today as duly authorized labor leaders charged with the responsibility of directing, in part at least, the striking 40,000 girl shirtwaist makers here.

These two women in the confidence of the officers of the union, decided yesterday on a definite plan of campaign which they believe will result in a victory for the strikers.

The statement will be given to the public today, saying that the two society leaders will provide an adequate legal defense for all members

of the union who are arrested while doing picket duty and will personally take up the work of directing its success.

Mrs. Belmont expressed herself as indignant at the manner in which the police are alleged to have interfered with strikers.

Muskogee's Federal Building.

Special to News
Muskogee, Ok., Dec. 22.—One of the first public building bills introduced in the senate was one by Senator Robert L. Owen, providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 to erect a federal building in Muskogee. The government has already purchased a site.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the large number of friends who so kindly assisted our family during the illness and death of my beloved husband, Richard C. Couch.

MRS. R. C. COUCH.

The Merchants and Planters State

Bank are placing a large, beautiful picture, entitled, **THEN, NOW and FOREVER** in each school room of Ada, and county with the intention to offer a competitive opportunity to the children up to and including the Seventh Grade of the schools of Ada, and Pontotoc County, to show what they have learned of the history of our early days. We are going to give:

\$10.00 for the Best Essay

\$5.00 for the Next Best Essay

\$1.00 Each for the Next Five Best Essays

All Essays must be properly signed (giving age and home address) and in the Bank by THREE O'CLOCK, JANUARY 15th, 1910.

All Essays limited to 250 words.

School children may get one of these pictures by calling at the Bank for same.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Something different from the ordinary, and something that will always be appreciated is a Kodak "Eastman" "if it isn't an Eastman it isn't a Kodak." We have them in all the sizes from \$1 up to \$20. We also have Kodak Albums from 20 cents up.

Edison Phonographs from \$12.50 to \$40. The greatest entertainers in the world.

Fancy Box Paper to suit the most fastidious. 25 cents to \$2.00 per box.

Perfumery in Xmas Packages from 25c to \$5 per bottle.

Box Candies in Fancy Holiday packages. The Boxes are a work of art and can be used for Glove Cases and Work Baskets after the candy has been eaten.

Ramsey's Drug Store

"We're In Business for Your Health." ADA, OKLA.

Free! Free! Free!

With each 25c bottle of Rexall Cherry Juice Cough Syrup, we give a

Real Live Gold Fish

Come at once for they'll go rapidly. Rexal Cherry Juice is guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Our Xmas Line

Dainty Gibson Art Calendars, Musical Instruments, late Novels, Good Books, Manicure and Toilet Sets

GET IT AT GWIN & MAYS CO.

Don't Forget THE Place

GWIN & MAYS CO. Have It

The Ada Druggists, The Rexall Store, We Run a Drug Store and Nothing More

HOLIDAY BARGAINS

at I. Harris' Public Sale

OUR SALE is still in full blast and will continue till Christmas day. If you have not availed yourself of the bargains offered in this sale, better attend to it before its too late. In this sale you will find many Holiday Gifts at prices you never dreamed of. It will be to your interest to call and see the suggestions offered in this Public Sale prices.

Here are some of the suggestions that space permits mentioning:

Gold Brand Shirts	\$1.28
The Silver and Broadway Shirt	89c
Arrow Brand Collars	8 1-3c
Douglas Shoes	\$3.15
Guaranteed Shoes Burro Jap (pat)	\$3.35
Stetson Hats	\$3.17
Fine Ties, in rich silk	19c and up to 59c that can't be duplicated
Silk Handkerchiefs, good values	21c

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits at sale prices.

Fancy Waist Coats at sale prices.

Sweaters in several qualities at sale prices.

Hannan Shoes, just received, in all styles and patterns.

Gloves, dressed or undressed, at sale prices.

Fine Hosiery, all styles, colors and weaves, some imported hosiery at sale prices.

PRESIDENT TAFT TO SUPERVISORS

REITERATES FORMER INSTRUCTIONS TO CENSUS MEN.

Demands That Politics Be Eliminated From the Enumeration and Will See That It Is.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Taft's ringing address to the Census supervisors, from the Eastern states, in conference here, was intended not only for him, but, also for all the other supervisors, for the candidates for enumerators' places, the politicians, and the world in general. He said:

"I am very glad to see you. You number about a third of the force upon which we have to rely to take the census. I expressed my opinion about the character of your duties when I wrote a letter to Mr. Durand. I did not write that letter just for the fun of having it published. I wrote it to be a genuine instruction to you, and I hope you will all observe it. I know if you pursue it, it will be an easy course for you. If you don't observe it, then I will observe you. I know, of course, there will be pressure.

"Many of you—most of you—have been recommended by congressmen, and it may be that some of these congressmen will come to you and expect because they did recommend you that you owe them something in the way of selecting the men as enumerators who will help them in their congressional election. You have got to use sense and discretion. You have got to select the men that you think will do the work, and if you catch them doing political work I wish you to remove them, just as I will remove if I catch you doing political work. It is business.

"I am not quarrelling with the congressmen. Each man is looking for all the aid he can get to get back into his place, and I am not objecting to the efforts in that direction. But you are the gentlemen that I want to make responsible, through Mr. Durand, for taking this census, and you are the gentlemen I rely upon, and if I can't rely upon you, then I am going to direct Mr. Durand to let me know about it, and I will see if I cannot help him out with somebody else.

"I take great pride in this census. I believe we can make it the best

census that has been taken, if we take it as a census, and do not use it and regard it as incidental to something else.

"Now, you are not well paid. This is not a business that is going to enrich any one of you; but it is a business that is worth doing well, and I hope it will turn out so that when the census is taken we shall all have pride in the fact that we were a part in taking it, however humble.

"I am glad to meet you, gentlemen. I would be glad to say this same thing to your fellows, but having this opportunity of delivering a little lecture, I could not restrain myself from doing so. I mean every word I have said."

WEDDING AT BEBEE.

Other Items of Interest From Bebee Neighborhood.

Beebe, Okla., Dec. 21.—Mr. T. A. Scott is removing to Ada this week.

John Kendrick moved to Allen last week.

Miss Pearl Adams is visiting with friends in Ada this week.

J. H. Mager and George Grider made a trip to Allen last week.

Miss Viola Mole of Beebe and Mr. Fate Whitton, of Ada were united in marriage at Parson Wells' last Sunday morning after which a sumptuous dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents. Many friends and relatives of both bride and bridegroom were present.

The Scribe was there and had to stand in cold water all day Monday to keep his toe nails from slipping.

Homer Neal and Jim Waldby are home from the normal to spend the holidays.

Mr. Crow has been sick for some time but is improving at present.

Miss Isabel Neal is also on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Mattie Mole went to Stratford this week to visit her father. She was accompanied by her mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mrs. Mole and Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. R. E. Hatcher of Beebe is circulating a petition for tax assessor of Maxwell Township to fill out the unexpired time of Mr. Carter who has resigned.

Five roof house, barn and acre of ground in Barringer addition and 5 room house and one hundred feet and good barn on West 13th. Will sell cheap. R. L. Eaton, at City Meat Market.

ENTERTAINMENT AT EGYPT.

Christmas Will Be Celebrated—Other News Items.

Egypt, Okla., Dec. 21.—Bro. Shipman of Ada will preach here Christmas day.

Every one is invited to attend our Christmas entertainment: Christmas eve night. We have quite a lengthy program, consisting of songs, recitations and music.

Roxie South, Maude Smith and Andrew Reed were the guests of Glenzie Griffith Sunday.

Mr. T. Franklin and his two sons, Master L. T. and Clarence left Sunday for Oxford, Miss., where they will spend Christmas with home folks.

Bro. Nettles and L. Lamb of Ada, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gregory Sunday.

Walter Floyd and Willie Corner attended a wedding at Beebe Sunday.

Garnett Griffith was the guest of Miss Braswell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sturdivant and son Claude, left last Friday for Sherman, Tex., where Mr. Sturdivant will undergo medical treatment.

J. R. Floyd went to Sherman Sunday and returned Monday.

KENEFICK KICKS ON ORDER.

M. O. & G. President Will Fight Corporation Commission's Plan.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 25.—Wm. Kenefick, president of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad, has been in Denison for several days looking after the interests of his line which is building south from Dustin Okla., to Denison, and Sherman. Mr. Kenefick is accompanied by his right-of-way man, I. N. Ury, of Muskogee, and several engineers and together they have been going over the various proposed routes of the line from Durant into Texas. Several visits have been made to the site of the company's bridge over Red River at Carpenter's Bluff eight miles east of Denison. A bill permitting the building of this bridge was introduced in the senate at Washington several days ago by Senator Robert L. Owen of Muskogee and its early passage is expected by the M. O. & G. officials.

Mr. Kenefick does not take kindly to the Oklahoma corporation commission's order of a recent date, to the effect that the M., K. & T., Frisco and M. O. & G. should erect and maintain a union passenger station at Dustin. Mr. Kenefick says that the Katy, being the senior road would

choose the ticket agent of the station and being a Katy man, he would not give the other companies a square deal and that there would be little chance for competition among the three lines. He said that he hoped to defeat the commission order and erect a passenger station of his own there.

Notice.

W. J. Reed and W. C. Lee have sold out. All parties indebted to them will come and settle or give secured notes. All gentlemen will do this. 3t

W. J. REED.

WHY SALVES FAIL TO CURE ECZEMA

They Clog the Pores—Only a Liquid Can Reach the Inner Skin.

Since the old-fashioned theory of curing eczema through the blood has been given up by scientists, many different salves have been tried for skin diseases. But it has been found that these salves only clog the pores and can not penetrate to the inner skin below the epidermis where the eczema germs are lodged.

This—the quality of penetrating—probably explains the tremendous success of the only standard liquid eczema cure, oil of wintergreen as compounded in D. D. D. Prescription. After ten years of cure after cure, the world's leading skin specialists have accepted this as the true eczema cure.

We ourselves do not hesitate to recommend D. D. D. Prescription at \$1.00 a bottle, but for the benefit of those who have never tried the prescription we arranged with the D. D. D. laboratories of Chicago for a special large trial bottle at 25 cents on a special offer now. This first bottle ought to convince every sufferer, and, at any rate, it will surely take away the itch at once. 2

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, SS.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,

Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Notice to Paving Contractors.

Published Dec. 10th to Dec. 21st inc., 1909.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of City of Ada, Okla., on the 6th day of December, 1909, sealed bids will be received at the office of W. B. Jones, City Clerk of Ada, Oklahoma, up to five o'clock P. M. January 3, 1910, and will be considered by the Mayor and Council in the Council Chamber in the City Hall Building at eight o'clock P. M. on January 3, 1910. For the paving, necessary grading, curbing, guttering and draining of Main Street from the East line of the M. K. & T. Railway right-of-way to the West line of Stockton Ave. to be paved a total width of sixty-eight (68) feet from face of curb to face of curb, and on Main street from the West line of Stockton Ave. to the West line of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Right-of-Way to be paved a total width of forty (40) feet from face of curb to face of curb; Townsend Ave. from the North line of 12th Street to the North line of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Right-of-Way to be paved a total width of fifty-six (56) feet from face of curb to face of curb Broadway Ave. from the North line of 12th street to the North line of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Right-of-Way to be paved a total width of sixty-eight (68) feet from face of curb to face of curb, and all of said streets and avenues being in the City of Ada, Oklahoma, and that the material to be used in the paving of the roadway of said street shall be a two (2) inch Rock Asphalt wearing surface with a five (5) inch Portland Cement concrete foundation, and that the necessary grading to be done, and catch basins, concrete curbing and guttering and draining to be constructed therefor in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by city engineer, and adopted by the Mayor and City Council on the 7th day of December, 1909, and now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five (5 per cent) per cent of the amount bid, to be forfeited to the City of

Real Estate Notice.

We have some real good bargains to offer in city property. If you are interested in either buying or selling see us.

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OTIS WEAVER AGENCY.

THE Ada National Bank

From the day of its opening, July 23, 1900, down to the present time the business of this Bank has gone forward without interruption.

—oO—

Has accommodated more farmers than any Bank in the county.

—oO—

Has assisted more local enterprises than any other Bank in the City.

—oO—

If you have unfinished business with this Bank for 1909 attend to it at once.

—oO—

Ada National Bank

OPERA HOUSE XMAS DAY DEC. 25

Matinee and Night

Afternoon 2:30—Night 8:

THE BIG LAUGHING HIT

MISS COURTENAY MORGAN IN

AN INNOCENT WIDOW

A Mythological Comedy in 3 Acts

A CONTINUOUS LAUGH

Sixty to the minute. As refined as it is witty.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Herald says: "A racy comedy which is a laugh producer of the first order."

Seats on sale at Ramsey's Drug Store Thursday morning.

Prices—Afternoon 15, 25 and 50c; Night—25, 50 and 75c.



Ada Furniture & Coffin Company

ADA, OKLAHOMA

It is the sense of the directors of this Company that by January 1, 1910 they will retire from business. In order to do this we will OFFER FOR SALE THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

Furniture and Fixtures for Cash at absolute cost
BEGINNING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 8 A. M.

Thumbscrew is our Cost Mark. All goods marked in plain letters. Invoices are open for inspection.

All notes and accounts must be settled by January 1, 1910, or be put out for collection.

Haupt & Jackson, Proprietors

Why Burn Wood or Coal

WHEN YOU CAN BURN CRUDE OIL FOR ONE-HALF THE EXPENSE. SAVE THE TROUBLE OF KINDLING AND ASHES, ETC. EQUALS NATURAL GAS

The Economy Crude Oil Burner

IS GUARANTEED TO DO THE WORK

See Demonstration at the Pastime Picture Parlor

THE STANDARD HEATING CO.

BOATMAN & GATEWOOD, Special Representatives

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Santa Claus recommends Us First
Don't Disappoint Him

X-Mas Gifts

THAT ARE DESIRABLE AND USEFUL

Hand-Bags, Auto Scarfs, Combs, Barrets, a beautiful selection of Ladies' and Gent's Ties, Combintion Sets, Etc.

Visit Us. Yours for a Merry X-Mas.

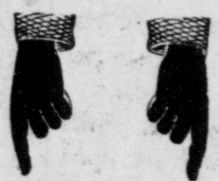
GUEST BROS.

Originators and Dictators
of Low Prices

THE SURPRISE STORE

Christmas Is Nearly Here

We have many useful
articles suitable for Xmas
presents. Come in and
let us show you.



See our line of Men's and Ladies' all linen handkerchiefs
at 10c and 15c

See our men's initial handkerchiefs at two for 25c

Ladies' automobile scarfs in all colors from 50c to \$2.50

A nice line Christmas suspenders in nice decorated boxes
from, per pair 25c to 75c

Just received by express a beautiful line, new style men's
ties, price 25c and 45c
You pay elsewhere sometimes double our price

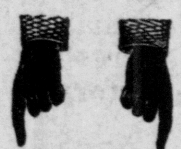
Just received a large shipment, new style American Lady
shoes and American Lady specials. Come in and look
them over.

We have our celebrated Oneida line of men's and ladies'
linen heel and toe hosiery put up in Christmas boxes,
six pairs for \$1.50

Don't forget that a pair of Daniel Greens felt sole house
slippers will be an appreciated Xmas gift for anyone.

Table linen is always an acceptable gift. We have a nice
line from, per yard 25c to \$1.50

Nice line both men's and ladies' umbrellas especially selected
for gifts.



THE SURPRISE STORE

The People
Who Put The Price Down



**AYU ETUDE
REVERIE**

The following poem is a most remarkable composition of lines from
the writings of various authors woven into a Christmas reverie.
The author is Miss Mary E. Rogers, of London, England,
who composed it many years ago. The names of each author is given.

B. C. OUT OF DARKNESS

A passing gleam called us over us thrown
It glimmers like a star that is gone.
What do we mortals for existence gain
A drop of pleasure in a sea of pain?
Who breathes must suffer and who thinks must mourn.
The human race are sons of sorrow born.
Born to be ploughed with years and sown with cares
Nursed with vain hope and fed with doubtful fears.
Tired of beliefs, we dread to live without
Yet who knows most, the more he knows to doubt.
None is a true soul ever born for naught
Yet millions never think a noble thought.
Tis not in mortal's command success,
And endless toil brings naught but bitterness.
To-morrow's sun to rise may never rise,
The flower that smiles to-day to-morrow dies.
Alas, what stay is there in human state?
Man yields to custom as he bows to fate;
Year chases year, decay pursues decay
Swift to its close ebb out life's little day.

A. D. INTO LIGHT

Hail! Sacred dawn of glorious liberty
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee.
This day is born a savior, Christ the Lord,
And man redeemed to Paradise restored.
Oh, holy trust! Oh, endless sense of rest!
Transcendent born to weary hearts oppressed.
Enriching all the common things of life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.
Hope springs eternal in the human breast,
And faith reveals a life divinely blest.
Good actions crown themselves with lasting days
And God fulfills Himself in many ways.

Time well employed is Satan's deadliest foe
And happiness oft comes from seeming woe.
Life's mysteries deep hid, elude our sight,
One truth is clear, whatever is, is right.
Something remains for us to do or dare
Emboldened Faith will counteract despair.
Life is not shadow but a promise given
Of change from woe to joy, from earth to Heaven.

boy displays when he lights the
candles on his Christmas tree.
"Then comes the opening of the
Christmas packages. This is always a
gala occasion. Not a man on board
would dare ignore the instruction any
more than he would think of disobey-
ing his superior officer. It has become
custom through years of faithful ob-
servance. Always a bottle of wine is
broken in christening these tokens
from the loved ones at home.
"If I hadn't been a lieutenant myself
I wouldn't dare give away official
secrets.
"Last year we practically had two
Christmas. We received our first
mail at Trinidad, West Indies, some
time Christmas week and delayed
Christmas mail reached us at Callao,
when the vessels were approaching
their own country on the western
side.
"No nation provides more plentiful-
ly for the Christmas cheer of its sail-
ors than does Uncle Sam. Each of
the battleship crews has a dinner of
roast turkey, plum pudding, pumpkin
pie and all the trimmings which go
with it. The men are served in
messes of 20 at 12 o'clock and each
man is allowed one snifter of grog as
an appetizer, in celebration of the oc-
casion.
"The officers dine at six o'clock,
and, as is the custom when spending
the holiday at sea, are guests of the
commanding officer."

Christmas Musings.
There are warmer hand-shakings on
this night, wrote Alexander Smith,
than during the bypast 12 months.
Friend lives in the mind of friend.
There is more charity at this time
than at any other. Poverty and scanty
clothing, and fireless grates come
home to the bosoms of the rich and
they give of their abundance. The
very redbreast of the woods enjoys
his Christmas feast. Good feeling in-
carnates itself in plum pudding. The
Master's word, "The poor ye have al-
ways with you," wear at this time a
deep significance. For at least one
night on each year over all Christen-
dom there is brotherhood. And good
men, sitting amongst their families, or
by a solitary fire like me, when they
remember the light that shone over
the poor clowns huddling on the Beth-
lehem plains 1,800 years ago, the ap-
pearance of shining angels overhead,
the song, "Peace on earth and good-
will towards men," which for the first
time hallowed the midnight air—pray
for that strain's fulfillment, that battle
and strife may vex the nations no
more, that not only on Christmas eve
but the year round "shall be bro-
ther, owning one Father in Heaven."

Christmas at Sea

By Admiral Bob Evans

"N Christmas morning," said
Admiral Evans (Fighting Bob),
"I thank God that he made
three times as much water as land.
"Every old seadog will join me in
this. The sea is his home; he loves it
as the farmer loves his broad acres.
Apart from it he is restless and dissat-
isfied, but with a voyage ahead of him
he is as happy as a clam at high tide.
No true sailor would exchange Christ-
mas at sea for one on shore. It would
be like Thanksgiving dinner without
the turkey.

"Of all the Christmases spent at sea
the one that rises before me most
vividly is that of 1865, when the fed-
eral army and the gunboat fleet were
trying to capture Fort Fisher. The
only presents we received, and they
came fast and furious, were solid shot
and shell from the guns of the enemy.
But this didn't destroy our sense of
humor. The boys would write on
each solid shot or shell before placing
it in the gun, 'presented by,' and add
the name of the vessel from which it
happened to be fired. Mighty few
hurled at the fort that day lacked this
Christmas greeting. All the gunners
caught the spirit of the grim jest, for
the fighting line is no place for serious
faces.

"Despite the excitement of the
fierce combat we managed to have the
mastheads of all the ships trimmed
with Christmas green, even though
the sailors had to risk their lives in
going ashore to get them, and you
may be assured the sentiment of the day
was not wasted.
"Last year Santa Claus followed our
fleet of 16 vessels. He anticipated our
12,000-mile voyage and furnished us in
advance with the pick of his best. On
board the supply vessels when we
sailed from Hampton roads were thou-
sands of packages containing every
imaginable Christmas gift, from a
whisky flask to a smoking jacket, each
package labeled, 'Don't open until
Christmas.'

"Along with those gifts he sent
thousands of yards of bunting to de-
corate the mastheads of the battleships.
It would be difficult to imagine a more
beautiful sight than these ships lined
up Christmas morning with the sail-
ors breaking out the Christmas trim-
mings with as much zest as the small

A Beneficial Notice.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles will
for the next sixty days give a spe-
cial dispensation, which reduces the
membership fees and the first
month's dues to six and 25-100 dol-
lars. Membership in this lodge is con-
sidered very desirable, not only on
account of its exemplary fraternal
spirit and benefits, but it is espe-
cially attractive to men with families
for every member secures all neces-
sary medical attention without any
doctor bill for one dollar a month.
The Eagles select their own doc-
tor, for whose services the lodge pays.
Men, don't neglect filing your appli-
cation to become a member of the
Fraternal Order of Eagles, for you
cannot afford to miss it.
GEO. HIGH, Secretary.

SOME BARGAINS IN REAL ES- TATE.

Don't Be Afraid to Buy—There Was
Never A Dollar Lost In
Ada Dirt.

\$2,600—40 feet on Broadway, in few
feet of business center. Alley on
side and rear. Sidewalk in front.
Property pays more than 10 per
cent at present time. Excellent op-
portunity for business stand.
2,500—Eight lots and three houses.
North Ada. Lays well.
\$1,000—Ten acres of land close in.
Splendid investment.
\$800. Two pretty corner lots on
12th and Cherry. Concrete sidewalks.
Ideal place for convenient home.
\$1,500—15 acres of land adjoining
city. Lays pretty. \$500 cash, balance
in one and two years. Less for cash.
\$500—Two nice lots close in Dona-
ghey addition. Part cash. Easy terms
on balance.
\$375—One of the prettiest corner
acres in Capital Hill. A bargain, and
must be taken at once.
A few bargains in resident lots in
Normal school addition.
If you want to sell, list it in Ada
News columns. If you want to buy,
look at items above.

Chas. E. Daggs

Well casing, gal. flues, flue
linings, gal. tanks etc.
Bath tubs, lavatories, kitch-
en sinks, in fact

Everything in Plumbing
and Tinning Line

Shop 1st Door N. Ada
Nat'l Bank on Broadway

Oklahoma Central Railway

ASA E. RAMSEY, Receiver

TIME TABLE NO. 12

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sible subscribers until ordered dis-
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"Entered as Second Class matter,
March 26, 1904, at the Postoffice at
Ada, Okla., under the Act of Con-
gress of March 3, 1879."

All copy for ad changes must be
in this office by noon on day of pub-
lication.



From all appearances Doctor Cook
has decided to let his North Pole busi-
ness take care of itself.

The Evening News exchange table
has received very artistic Christmas
editions of the following papers:
Crescent News, 20 pages; Frederick
Leader, 22 pages; Madill News-Dem-
ocrat, 16 pages; Wynnewood News-
Era, 14 pages.

A few days ago a prisoner of the
Kansas state prison set fire to a
prison barn while lighting his pipe.
Now an order has gone forth in-
structing the guards to light the con-
victs' pipes for them. The author
of "The Twin Hells" couldn't have
kicked so much had he waited until
now to write his book.

SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSECURITY.
Here is the platform of the execu-
tive committee of the Oklahoma
Teachers' association which will con-
vene on the 29th of this month:

1. Let a teacher secure a first
grade certificate.
2. Let him have three years of
successful experience.
3. Then, and not till then, put him
upon the permanent list.
4. A county board of education,
by and with the consent of the county
superintendent, would have to ad-
minister the assignment of teachers.
The teacher on the permanent list
would know definitely that he would
have a school to teach. He could be
shifted from one part of the country
to another if necessary, but his sal-
ary could not be cut, nor could he be
dismissed except for cause.
5. If the teacher felt his remov-
al was unjust, he should be given
a hearing before a court of record,
and a jury could then decide whether
or not his case fell within the limits
for which teachers can be discharged.

A statute constructed along these
lines would do more to permanently

benefit the teachers of Oklahoma than
a 100 per cent increase of salary.
This platform is enough to insure
the coming meeting to be the most in-
teresting one ever held. Under the
present system the teacher has no
security whatever of his position and
this is one of the features which the
association will strive to eliminate.

MAKING A NEWSPAPER.

Men who make newspapers some-
times believe their profession is an
exact one. They are wrong, re-
marks the Washington Star. It is
the simplest calling. Making a news-
paper is an easy trick. Anybody can
do it.

A lawyer with only a diploma and
a brass sign, who would lose a suit
if the other side was ready to con-
fess judgment, can tell you how to
run a newspaper. A physician, who
would send his patient to the mor-
gue before the prescription could be
filled, will know all the fine points
of making a newspaper. An actor,
who never earned any other plaudits
than a soft tomato, will give instruc-
tions in handling the word's news.
Any woman who knows enough to get
off of a street car backwards, has
positive opinions of the press. Even
a society person, who never paid any-
thing but a visit, or made anything
but a visit, or did anything but a
tailor, knows how stupid those men
are who write "stories" edit copy,
wrestle with heads that won't fit and
get the paper out on time.

One reason for the universality of
perfection in this trade among those
who do not work at it, is that every-
body has been employed on it. It is
a most unusual thing to meet a
man who, when the occasion seems
ripe, will not say: "I used to be a
newspaper man myself." Every time
a man works his country editor for
a puff on the strength of his big
pumpkin, graduates in journalism.
When he writes a piece for the
Squash County Clarion about a most
enjoyable postgraduate course in
newspaper work, and when he writes
a communication on both sides of the
paper to the editor, he becomes a
thirty-second degree member of the
Tribune of Scribes.

That so many have abandoned liter-
ature for law, medicine and other
easy walks of life simply shows that
many men would rather fail in one
thing than another.

MISSOURI'S NICKNAME.

For a month or longer the state of
Missouri has been in a stew over
the question of changing the old
state's nickname. Governor Hadley is
responsible for desiring the change.

When the nickname of "Show Me"
started going the rounds Missourians
probably thought it "cute," no doubt
the governor sort of smiled when he
heard it mentioned as a substitute
for his great state's name, and other
people caught the humor of it
and when they talked of Missouri,
why, in went that "Show Me."

For a good long while the nick-
name remained unannouncedly popular,
at any rate there was no kick regis-
tered against it until about thirty
days ago when Governor Hadley sud-
denly declared he was thoroughly

disgusted with it. And he didn't only
say he didn't like it, but he acted that
he didn't like it. He issued a procla-
mation calling on the good citizen-
ship for a better cognomen—one
more, appropriate. He explained to
the people that the nickname has
ceased to be funny since he has been
introduced as the executive of the
"Show Me" state at every banquet or
public gathering since his election
as governor.

But the Missourians wouldn't sym-
pathize with their executive. In fact,
they wanted their state to be the
"Show Me" state just as bad as the
governor didn't want it to be, and
they completely covered him up with
their letters of protest, and now the
announcement comes from the state
house that the plan of nickname
changing has been abandoned.

SEEING ADA.

According to the Ada News: "If a
man shoots a hawk on his own prem-
ises, the hawk falls on another per-
son's land, the shootist takes his gun
to the other fellows' land, proceeds to
kill the hawk and, by the way, at-
tempts to capture a rabbit, without
having hunting license—that isn't
contrary to law."—Oklahoman.

"Can Sulphur girls be defeated?"
asks an Ada paper. This matter
should be put to a vote of the Ok-
lahoma young men who spend their
summers at the watering place. There
are a few now who are ready to
answer in the negative.—Oklahoman.

DOCTOR COOK IS DISCREDITED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS
AT COPENHAGEN
MAKES REPORT.

DOCTOR PROVED UNRELIABLE

Commodore Holm Declares Papers
Convict Explorer of Being a
Swindler—Professor Says,
"A Sad Event."

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The report
of the special committee of scient-
ists, which the University of Copen-
hagen appointed to scrutinize Dr.
Frederick A. Cook's claims that he
had discovered the North pole, was
submitted to the consistency of the
university today, endorsed by that
body and given to the public today.

The report shatters completely, al-
most contemptuously, the American
explorer's title to such discovery and
fills the officials and people of Den-
mark with chagrin at the figure Den-
mark is made to assume in the eyes
of the scientific world. The public
was prepared for a verdict of "not
proven" but did not expect its recent
hero to be branded as an impostor.
Many still cling to the belief that
Cook acted in good faith, but har-
bored a delusion.

Explorers and scientists almost
unanimously have lost faith in
Cook's honesty, while one of his
warmest supporters, Knud Rasmus-
sen, helped to frame the report. The
evening papers attack Cook and se-
verely reproach him for hiding, which
they regard as a sign of a guilty con-
science.

The rector of the university, Dr.
Salomonson, when questioned as to
the possibility of the university can-
celling the degree which it conferred
on Dr. Cook, said no decision had
been reached, but he thought the de-
gree could be withdrawn in the
same way as a government could
deprive a person of an order obtain-
ed under false pretenses.

Commodore Gustav Holm, the Arctic
explorer, and a member of the
committee, said:

"Cook's claim that he made the ob-
servation 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 46
seconds near the pole proved im-
mediately that he was a bad ob-
server, but nothing indicates that he
was a swindler. Now, his papers con-
vict him of being a swindler. We ex-
amined Cook's observations first, and
agreed unanimously that they were
worthless. It is not unlikely that
Loose made the observations. He is
a clever man, just the sort that Cook
could use."

A Sad Event.

Prof. Olufsen, secretary of the Dan-
ish geographical society, said:
"It is the saddest event of my life.
As an explorer, there seems to be no
doubt that Cook is absolutely un-
reliable."

The National Tidende, while deplor-
ing that the university conferred the
degree in a moment of enthusiasm,
finds consolation in the fact that
others honored Cook when he returned
to civilization.

"The president of his own coun-
try and its envoy at Copenhagen,"
says the paper, "were the guarantors
of him. Denmark did not blunder
alone. Our country must now leave
this sad affair to America and Cook."

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Mayor and
City Council that,

Whereas, the Mayor and Council
did on the 27th day of September,
1909, pass a Resolution of intention
to pave and did on the 28th day of
September, 1909, and in five suc-
cessive issues after said date in the Ada
Evening News, a Daily Newspaper of
general circulation in the City of
Ada, Oklahoma, give notice to per-
manently improve by paving, and do-
ing the necessary grading, construct-
ing manholes and catch basins, and
putting in inlet pipes, lateral storm
sewers curbs, and resetting curbs,
therefore, said paving to consist of
Portland Cement concrete base and
rock asphalt finish, on Main Street
of said City, from the West side of
the right of way of the St. Louis
& San Francisco Railroad, to the East
side of the right of way of the Mis-
souri, Kansas & Texas railroad;
Townsend Avenue of said City, from
the North side of Twelfth (12) street,
on the South, to the North side of the
right of way of the St. Louis & San
Francisco Railroad right of way on
the North; Broadway Ave., of said
City, from the North side of Twelfth
(12) Street on the South to the North
side of the right of way of the St.
Louis & San Francisco railroad right
of way on the North, and,

Whereas, no sufficient protest has
been filed against said improvements,

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that
it is the determination of the Mayor
and Council to proceed with the said
improvement by paving, grading,
constructing manholes and catch
basins, and putting in inlet pipes, lat-
eral storm sewers, concrete curbs,
gutters, and resetting curbs therefore
on Main Street from the west side
of the right of way of the St. Louis
& San Francisco railroad to the west
line of Stockton Avenue to be paved
a total width of forty (40) feet
from face of curb to face of curb, and
on Main Street from the west line
of Stockton Avenue to the east side
of the right of way of the Missouri,
Kansas & Texas railroad to be paved
a total width of sixty-eight (68) feet
from face of curb to face of curb,
and to consist of five inch Portland
Cement concrete base, with rock as-
phalt finish two inches thick as a
wearing surface and a concrete curb
and gutter; Townsend Avenue from
the North side of Twelfth (12) street
on the South to the North side of the
right of way of the St. Louis & San
Francisco railroad right of way on
the North; and the width of the im-
provement on said street to be sixty-
eight (68) feet; from face of curb to
face of curb, and to consist of five
inch Portland Cement concrete base
with rock asphalt finish two inches
thick as a wearing surface and a con-
crete curb and gutter.

That the City Engineer be and he
is hereby instructed to submit to the
Mayor and City Council plans, plats,
profiles and specifications of said
improvement together with a com-
plete estimate of the costs and total
cost of said improvements.

That all bids shall be submitted in
a sealed envelope and plainly mark-
ed in ink on the outside, and be ac-
companied by a certified check made
payable to the City Clerk of the City
of Ada, Oklahoma, in an amount
equal to 5 per cent of the total
amount of bid.

Provided the Contractor shall exe-
cute to the City a good and suffi-
cient bond in the amount of 30 per
cent of the estimated cost of said im-
provement conditioned upon the full
and faithful execution of the work
and the performance of the contract
and for the protection of the City
and all property owners interested
against any loss or damage by reason
of the negligence or improper
construction of said work.

That the Mayor and Council here-
by require a bond to be given for
the maintenance in good repair of
said asphalt improvements for a period
of five years from the time of
completion of said work in the
amount of 10 per cent of the estimat-
ed cost thereof.

That when the necessary plans,
plats, profiles, specifications and es-
timates aforesaid have been filed and
accepted by the Mayor and City Coun-
cil as provided by law the City Clerk
be and he is hereby authorized and
directed to advertise for sealed pro-
posals for furnishing the materials
and performing the work necessary
in the making of such improvements
stating in said advertisement the
streets and avenues to be improved,
the kind of improvements, the bond
bonds required to be executed by the
contractor, and state the time when
and the place where, such sealed bids
shall be filed, and the time when,
and the place where the same will
be considered by the Mayor and Coun-
cil, said notice to be published in
ten (10) consecutive issues (not in-
cluding Sundays and holidays) of the
Ada Evening News, a daily newspaper
of general circulation in said city.

Provided the steam railroads shall
be required to pave so much of said
street as is occupied by their rights
of way and in the manner as pro-
vided by law.

An emergency is hereby declared
by reason whereof it is necessary for

the immediate preservation of the
public safety that this act take ef-
fect from and after its passage, ap-
proval and publication.

Passed by the Council and ap-
proved by the Mayor this 6th day
of December, A. D., 1909.
(SEAL)

L. J. LITTLE, Mayor,
Attest W. B. JONES, City Clerk.

Buy Your Christmas Presents Early

Nothing is to be gained by de-
lay. Come in now, make your se-
lections, pay a small deposit on
them, and we will lay them
away until you are ready for
them.

Dolls—In great variety, solid
China Dolls, China Limb Dolls,
Kid Body Dolls and Dressed
Dolls, to numerous to mention.
5c Up.

Magic Lanters, 50c up.
Photograph and Post Card Al-
bums, 25c up.
Handkerchief Boxes, 25c up.
Collar and Cuff Boxes, 25c up.
Fine China Cups and Saucers,
25c up.

All kinds of Animals on
wheels or with joints, made of
plush or felt, strong and dur-
able.

Doll Go-Carts, 48c up.
Post Cards, for Christmas and
New Year, 1c up.
All the latest Books, Bibles,
New Testaments, etc.

Toy furniture, Christmas
Cards, Toy Trunks, Fancy Box
Paper, Pictures, Toy Stoves,
Pianos, 25c up.

Eric a Brac, big variety of
pretty, cute, attractive novel-
ties, 10c up.

Fine China, in great variety
from the cheap ware up to the
very high grades, Haviland, etc.

We hope to see every reader of
this ad at our store at an ear-
ly date, as we feel sure we can
please you one and all. Yours
truly,

The Nickel Store and China Hall

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of Oklahoma. Office in rear of First
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General Practice and Surgery

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DR. W. J. VINETTE

DENTIST

Henley & Biles Bldg.

A good bank is conservative and at the
same time accommodating.

Strong financial institutions is the basis upon
which the business of every com-
munity rests.

Successful and progressive business men as-
sociated together in a banking in-
stitution is what it takes to make a
good safe bank, and you can

Bank your money with us with a full as-
surance that your interests will be
protected in every way possible. It
pays to be associated with a good
bank.

First National Bank, Ada, Oklahoma

Brand New PRESCRIPTION DRUG STORE

We are in the Drug Business Exclusively. Over twenty years Ex-
perience. Pure Drugs and Chemicals. First Drug Store west of Har-
ris Hotel, East Main Street.

Quality, Purity and Accuracy Guaranteed.
Can fill any prescription any doctor in Ada or anywhere else can
write.—WE HAVE THE DRUGS

ADA DRUG CO. D. W. Holman, Pharmacist

WANTS

Advertising under this head will be
charged at following rates:

One insertion, per word.....1c

Addition insertion, per word....1-2c

WANTED.

WANTED—Whiskey drinkers to know
you can make whiskey for 28 cents
quart, for receipt send 25 cents sil-
ver, Edward Shute, Ada, Okla. 1t

FOR SALE.

\$425—100 feet, two room house and
concrete sidewalk. Bargain.

LOTS FOR SALE—\$500—36 feet on
north side East 15th street, News of-
fice. 6t

\$750—Two prettiest lots in Sunrise.
Ideal place for home.

NEWS OFFICE.

FOR SALE—Well improved place.
Three room house, two lots. Will take
good team and wagon part pay.
Henry Kroth. 3t

FOR SALE—Lots 1 to 8, Block 53,
including water works, wind mill, 7
room house, 2 barns—at bargain. A.
S. Asbury, West Sixth. 3t

FOR SALE—Lot No. 6, Block K, Sun-
rise, in front of Robt. Wimbish's
home for \$300. This is a close price
made with the expectation of sell-
ing. Otis Weaver. 1t

FOR SALE—Two good driving horses
single or double. Inquire at the big
four barber shop. 3t

THE MOST DESIRABLE XMAS GIFT



The acknowledged
standard of the
world

The masterpiece of the
confectioner's art

The standard by which
all others are judged

Our Xmas Candies will be
made and delivered ten days
before Xmas, which insures
their freshness.

Phone or mail us your wants,
we will gladly have any style,
size, color, or special designed
box, or candy assortment, made
to suit any particular person,
or occasion, delivered to any
part of the United States or
Canada, within one week from
the receipt of the order.

Orders for out of town de-
livery received not later than
the 20th, will be made fresh
and delivered from the factory
for Xmas day.

Mail orders must be accom-
panied by cash at the rate of
\$1.00 per pound.

Her first choice,
Her last choice, and
Her choice at all times,
Is the unequalled, matchless



Mad-ox Drug Co.

"THE QUALITY STORE"
Authorized sales agents, Ada, Okla.



Gifts for men

Now-a-days everybody acknowledges that the appropriate Christmas present is the useful, practical, last-a-long-while one. This being a Man's store, is the ideal place to buy a man's gift.

WHY NOT--

Buy him the most practical of all presents you could give, A SUIT OR AN OVERCOAT? One from the superb line of

The "Clothes Beautiful" made by
Schloss Bros. & Co.

Baltimore and New York

How can we fit him without his knowing it? Leave that to us. No doubt we know his size now, if not, we'll see that everything is made to fit perfectly after Christmas.

When he finds the name Schloss Bros. & Co. on the label he will feel just as you do when you discover the word "Sterling" stamped on your Christmas gift.

And here's a handy list to buy men's gift by

Neckwear, Hosiery, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Jewelry
Hats, Shirts, Night Shirts, Underwear; Garters, Shoes, Gloves,
Mittens, Umbrellas, Suspenders

COME NOW. A cheerful greeting awaits you at

Drummond & Lattimore Outfitters for Men
and Young Men

I am closing out holiday goods at any old price and am going to sell paint and wall paper for my side line. Holley Drug Store. 1f

There are 24 prisoners in the Pontotoc county jail. Compare your Christmas prospects with theirs and become more imbued with the Christmas spirit.

For the next 10 days I will sole men's shoes for 75c and ladies' shoes for 50 cents as an introductory with my new machine soles. Willis, at Chapman's Shoe store. 1f

Mrs. R. F. Wright arrived last evening from Fredonia, Kansas, for a visit with her father, I. McNair. Mr. Wright has been in the city for several days.

The best is the cheapest. Get a pair of Stacy Adams or Howard Foste shoes from S. E. Chapman and you have the best that can be made. S. E. Chapman sells them. 1f

Four-inch water pipes are being laid across Broadway, one of the streets to be paved. Two-inch pipes will be laid in alleys behind business houses. In laying this pipe now it will prevent the breaking of the paving to secure water.

Don't lose no time. Come at once to the Grand Leader to buy Christmas presents. We cut the prices on every department in clothing, ladies' suits and coats, skirts, hats, almost given away. A full complete line of novelties. Linen handkerchiefs, furs. Big discount on wool blankets. Remember the place. Grand Leader. 3t

LANCASTER BOUND OVER.

Yanoss Fellow Makes Bond In Justice Court Yesterday.

Yesterday Ed Lancaster was bound over under bond in Justice Brown's court. He had his hearing on the charge of stealing some furs from Bert Valentine who lives at Yanoss, as does Lancaster also. The furs stolen from Valentine were brought here and sold to the Union Wagon yard and when young Valentine came to identify his furs they were hung on a wall among various other hides, but he spied his belongings the first dash out of the box. Lancaster sold these hides to the Union people and he was arrested soon afterward.

Bachelors' Club Presents Gift.

Last evening while the Byrd hotel guests were enjoying supper, Mrs. L. A. Rains, wife of the proprietor, was very agreeably surprised by the presentation of a leather box, gold mounted, containing three scissors of the best make. The gift was presented to Mrs. Rains as a birthday present by the Bachelors' Club of which the following are members: W. E. Dupree, W. C. Edwards, J. M. Bruner, J. E. Wilson, B. Thompson and A. P. Rhea. Attorney Edwards made the presentation speech.

Mrs. Rains is sure she has the best bunch of boarders who ever marked on a hotel register.

Help the Poor.

The United Charities Association of the city of Ada, originated and organized by the local Pastors' Association, invites the more fortunate public to contribute something to those neighbors less fortunate, being the poor and semi-destitute.

City Clerk Wilbur Jones is the custodian of all funds and articles contributed and under the direction of the charity association will see that the distribution is handled to the most practical advantage. Those interested should bring their donations to the city hall by 12 o'clock Christmas eve. This is a most commendable undertaking.

Indian Agent Here.

W. H. Reynolds, Indian agent, and his interpreter, I. W. Carnes, are in the city today holding forth in Justice Brown's court room.

The Racket Store

Mrs. Cloyd, Mgrs.

Keeps Everything in the Racket Store Line

Will buy all kinds of produce. Bring us your Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys etc.

THE KING OF CURES

DR. KING'S

NEW DISCOVERY

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.
FOR WEAK, SORE LUNGS, ASTHMA,
BRONCHITIS, HEMORRHAGES

AND ALL
THROAT AND LUNG
DISEASES.

PREVENTS PNEUMONIA

I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as the grandest medicine of modern times. One bottle completely cured me of a very bad cough, which was steadily growing worse under other treatments.
EARL SHAMBURG, Codell, Kas.

PRICE 50c AND \$1.00

SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY

G. M. RAMSEY

NEGROES CHARGED WITH MURDER RETURNING HERE

TWO BLACKS AND WILL COLE WILL ARRIVE TODAY.

Accused of Murdering Frank Hatcher Last July at Negro Picnic Near Ada.

Sheriff T. J. Smith went to Atoka this morning and this afternoon will return with three negroes, "Moonlight" Black, Doc Black and Will Cole who will be lodged in the county jail here.

These negroes have been in the Atoka county jail at Atoka for several months and have often expressed a desire to return to the Pontotoc county jail, although they were taken from here for safe keeping. Yesterday Judge Robert M. Rainey was in Ada and recommended the return of the negroes.

Black, Cole and Black are charged with the murder of Frank Hatcher, another negro. The murder was committed last July at Jack Fork, which is about six miles from Ada, at a negro picnic. Another negro and a negro were brought here from Pauls Valley soon after the murder, charged with being implicated in the killing, but they were acquitted.

The Ada Dancers.

A contingent of the young people of the city pulled off an enjoyable dance at the city hall last evening.

It is reported that the music, the floor, weather, social snap, congeniality, all were conducive to the perfection of the occasion.

Notice.

W. J. Reed and W. C. Lee have sold out. All parties indebted to them will come and settle or give secured notes. All gentlemen will do this.
W. J. REED.

HAPPY GOUPLES TAKE COURT HOUSE BY STORM

FOUR OF 'EM MAKE INVASION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Three Couples Take Papers Home With Them, But One Joyous Pair Marries Here.

Four couples invaded the county judge's office yesterday and today in the search for "joy-papers." One of the couples, H. Y. West and Miss Onie Culwell of Sasakwa, couldn't wait until they returned to the hustling little city up on the Frisco, so they married here, the county judge tying the knot.

This is the way they ought to come during this time of the year. Every young fellow who has his mind made up to marry the "one sweet girl" might as well—or a little better—marry just before Christmas, as he might escape buying an expensive present.

(We believe we have said something along this line before.) Here's their names:

J. G. Zorn, 30, Roff.
Cybil Leigh, 18, Roff.
W. H. Northcutt, 25, Center.
Elma Blankenship, 18, Stratford.
H. T. West, 26, Sasakwa.
Onie Culwell, 18, Sasakwa.
E. H. Perkins, 37, Allen.
Bell Standridge, 24, Allen.

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures Pimples. Sore Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infallible for Piles. 25c at G. M. Ramsey's.

Pianos for the holiday trade. The famous Baldwin

Goods that are made right and will be sold at a discount.

The entire stock of Pianos formerly carried in stock by W. B. Whiteley, deceased, has been placed in my charge for disposition. These pianos are fresh from the factory and the quality is guaranteed. On account of some outstanding bills which must be settled soon, these pianos will be placed on the market at a sacrifice. If you need a piano it will be to your interest to investigate the matter. Terms can be made if wanted. We Mean Business. Come and see.

Do not overlook my splendid line of

Framed Pictures and Mouldings

Frames made to order on short notice while you wait. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and many happy returns for the New Year, and thanking my many friends and customers for their patronage, I am
Very respectfully yours,

Phone 13

L. T. Walters

PERSONAL COLUMN

Smith Sells Furniture.

B. F. Hendricks of Vanoss was in the city today.

Christmas goods at or below cost at Crescent Drug Store. 1f

A. W. Cope and W. T. Reddy were here yesterday from Fitzhugh.

Stall the photographer, phone No. 176. 1f

D. W. Tanner of Fitzhugh was a business caller here yesterday.

Get your Christmas shoes from S. E. Chapman. 1f

Miss Pearl Adams of Bebee, is visiting among friends in Ada.

Chas. E. Daggs, tinner and plumber, North Broadway.

Attorneys Stone and Maxey are in Oklahoma City on legal business.

Try a dish of Delgoda's celebrated Mexican Chili at Ramsey's. 1f

Hon. John Crawford is in Hickory on legal business.

We sell goods on their merits and stand back of them. C. J. Warren & Co.

Dr. T. W. Chadwick is agent for the Indiana and Ohio Livestock Insurance Company. 1f

If it is in the jewelry line its at Tipton's.

Burt Lease left today for St. Louis for a visit with relatives and friends.

Have your horses, mules and cows insured. T. W. Chadwick, agent. 1f

Buy Mapleine, the great syrup, at M. Walsh's. It has a reputation. 3t

One-third off on hand painted China at C. J. Warren's. 2t

Judge Tom D. McKeown is transacting business in Muskogee.

Yes, bring me another dish of that chile and piece of home-made pie. RAMSEY'S

Dr. T. W. Chadwick will insure your livestock. 1f

The famous old Dutch cleaner now sold by M. Walsh. 3t

One-third off on hand painted China at C. J. Warren's. 2t

Mrs. R. E. Blanks left today to spend the holidays at her old home at Willis Point, Tex.

Buy the old Dutch cleaner at M. Walsh's. 3t

Some new catchy novelty art pictures at L. T. Walters. Get the Christmas spirit and purchase a few prices reasonable. 4t

Sidney Katz is in Stonewall today.

The goods are absolutely as represented at Warren's.

Attorney R. C. Roland went to Tupelo.

The great syrup, Mapleine, sold by M. Walsh. 3t

Paul Allen went to Greenville, Tex., today. He will go from there to Fort Worth, for a few days visit.

I am going to Ramsey's Drug Store for a good cup of coffee.

Miss Bessie Cleveland of Francis is visiting in Ada.

Fresh candies and fruit at the Model Bakery. 3t

Miss Bessie Baker of Francis is in the city today.

Best Fruit Cakes for Christmas at the Model Bakery. 3t

Just received a nice line of chafing dishes. C. J. Warren & Co.

City Clerk W. B. Jones will receive your donation for the poor of the city.

We clean your clothes, carpets and rugs. Miller & Fletcher, 12th street. Phone 342. 1f

A pair of shoes is the best Christmas present you can buy. S. E. Chapman has them for ladies and gentlemen. 1f

Help the poor and needy by donating to the Xmas charity fund at the city hall.

Fresh shipment Chase's fine candies just received at Ramsey's. 1f

World brand silverware is 50 percent heavier plated than standard plated at C. J. Warren & Co.

Attorney R. C. Roland is out of the city today attending to business at Tupelo.

Diamonds!—we've got them and the quality is the best. C. J. Warren & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Morris were in the city today from their Fitzhugh home.

Come in and look at the prices on Xmas goods. Don't forget the wall paper. Dr. F. Z. Holley. 1f

When in a hurry stop at Ramsey's and get a good cup of coffee and ham sandwich.

Mrs. Franklin and Miss Holloway of Fitzhugh visited in the city yesterday.

J. W. Boling was committed to jail again this morning, his bondsmen having withdrawn from his bond.

Did you know that the same weight diamond might be worth \$100 or \$250. It's all in the quality. Let us show you our line. C. J. Warren & Co.

Order your Christmas Cakes and Pies early, from the Model Bakery. 3t

We have some milch cows for sale. See Eaton & McCollum. City Meat Market. 1f

Mrs. W. N. Mooney left the city yesterday afternoon for Texarkana, Ark., to be gone until after the holidays.

For up to date jewelry go to Tipton's. No cheap junk or old stock to sell at auction. 1f

Stacy Adams and Howard Foste Shoes are the best made. For sale by S. E. Chapman. 1f

Judge C. A. Galbraith is in St. Louis transacting professional business. He will return for home at Christmas.

Go to Tipton's for any thing in the jewelry line at the right price. Nothing in my stock over 12 months old. 1f

Don't you bet there are a lot of those "Not to be opened before Christmas" packages lying around over the U. S.

Remember \$60.00 watch and \$15.00 cut glass water set to be given away at Tipton's. Ticket with each 50c purchase.

We don't hear much about "Sunny Jim" Sherman anymore. We presume, though, that he is around Washington somewhere.

Our pictures please others, we think they will please you. Nothing nicer for Xmas. L. T. Walters. 4t

If you get a Stacy Adams or Howard Foste shoe you have the best made. See S. E. Chapman. 1f

Mrs. W. C. Duncan and little Miss Dorothy departed for Bonham for the regular Christmas visit.

Before buying all your Christmas goods, call at L. T. Walters for a nice art picture. He has all kinds. 4t

Just mounted up a bunch of genuine pearls in solid gold rings, worth \$10.00; as long as they last only \$5. C. J. Warren & Co.

Rev. Mike Cassaday, prominent minister and popular in Ada, his farmer home, is here for a little visit to the delight of his friends.

One-third off on all China at C. J. Warren's. This is no fake sale. It all goes at cost and less. 150 beautiful hand painted plates. 2t

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The W. C. T. U. will have a short business meeting with Mrs. Dr. Shans Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members urged to be present.

I have six pianos from the W. B. Whiteley stock that must be sold at once. If you need a piano now is the time to get one at a low price. See me at once. L. T. Walters. 4t

Christmas in the Old Days and Now

By Rev. REGINALD H. STARR, D.D.



ALL the world keeps Christmas day. From the land of the midnight sun to the sunny south of perpetual summer is a far cry. But in the long distance there is no land where Christmas is not kept. Its celebration is a part of the universal history of the human race. Whatever may have been its origin and whatever peculiarities may have gathered about it in its adaptation to different people and different circumstances, it is to us Americans to-day a practically national feast.

To keep it was at one time, and in our own part of the country, it is true, a penal offense. It was thought to savor of prelacy and to foster unpleasant memories of political servitude. But it has grown with our growth and the broad-mindedness of the American people is seen at its best in the hearty commemoration of the nativity of the Christ from year to year.

In some parts of the country, in fact, Christmas day bids fair to supplant Thanksgiving day, and it certainly may already claim an equality of recognition with the time-honored national festival of our New England forebears. People of every creed and every nationality within our borders delight to participate in the celebration of the Christmas feast, and many a scion of old-world stock finds himself back home again as the church bells peal and the candles glimmer on the Christmas trees. It is a time of universal peace and good will. It brightens homes, softens asperities and uplifts us as it brings "the light that never was on land or sea."

The Origin Unknown.

The origin of the festival is said to be lost in antiquity. If, as held by many, it is a Christian feast grafted on to a pagan one, its history is age long. The actual institution of Christmas as the celebration of the nativity of Jesus Christ dates from the second century of the Christian era. St. Chrysostom says that it was observed from the beginning, according to western practice, from Thrace to the Straits of Gibraltar, and he calls it "the most venerable, the mother of all the rest."

But as to the time of the celebration there was a diversity of observance. The early Christian church naturally kept Easter as commemorative of the resurrection of Christ, which the apostles were especially chosen and instructed to proclaim, and the feast of Pentecost, which became the birthday of the church, came next in order. Then to these were added two others, the one commemorative of the baptism of Jesus Christ and the other of his birth. The first of these, the Epiphany, or Manifestation, came from the east to the west. The second, Christmas, or the nativity, came from the west to the east. The two were officially recognized and quite widely kept in both the east and west in the fourth century. In a sermon preached by the Golden-Mouthed in Antioch on December 25, A. D. 386, he speaks of the festival of Christmas as having first become known there 10 years before and on another occasion he invites his hearers to participate in its approaching observance.

But as to the reason for the selection of December 25 as Christmas day, first arrived at by the Hippolytes, there is much difference of opinion. It is held by some that the German name of the festival "Weihnacht," is a literal translation of the Hebrew "Chanuka," the Jewish festival of the purification of the temple by Judas Maccabeus, which begins on December 17, and that as the Passover and Pentecost were perpetuated in Easter and Whitsuntide, so the festival of the Purification was preserved in Christmastide and the practice of burning candles on the Christmas trees has come from the old Hebrew feast.

Early Festivals.

But the Purification can hardly be numbered among the greater and important festivals of the Hebrews and, as Schaff says, there is really no Old Testament feast corresponding to our Christmas. The weight of opinion as to the time of year chosen by the Christian church in the west lies in another and entirely different solution of the question and links the Christian observance to the ancient practice of the heathen world.

It must be remembered in this connection that the particular date was first fixed upon by the Roman branch of the church, and at that season of the year a series of pagan festivals occurred which were closely interwoven with the civil and social life of the Roman people. These festivals had an import which lent itself to the growth of the Christian faith, and they may have been spiritually adopted by the church in order to counteract their evil tendencies and at the same time advance the cause of the new religion.

The Saturnalia, for instance, represented the peaceful times of the golden age and abolished sharp distinctions between citizen and serf. But it was a time of wild and unholy revelry. Then the Brumalia—the feast of the shortest day, or winter solstice—was the commemoration of the birthday of the new sun about to return to the earth. It was the "dies natalis invicti solis." In the old mythology of the sun worshipers it was the birthday of Mithras himself, and, in fact, the time of year when from unnumbered ages before the Chris-

tian era pagan Europe, in all its tribes and peoples, had celebrated its chief festival. So here we have the double truth of the golden age and the rebirth of the unconquered sun, as he breaks the power of darkness, refined and enriched in the Christian teaching of "peace on earth and good will to men," as coincident with the rising of the Sun of Righteousness in the birth into the world of the son of the peasant woman who was also the Son of God.

This view of Christmas accentuates the true place of the Christian religion in relation to the ancient and deep-seated religions which preceded it, and at the same time reveals a beauty of development in its culmination as the completed manifestation of God to man. In the infancy of the race the winter solstice was everywhere a season of rejoicing. No matter what the peculiar form which it assumed, it expressed the world joy of the time. So the very idea of the Child God which gives Christmas its meaning may not only have been foretold by sybil and seer and prophet, but prefigured by the infant gods of the Greek and Egyptian and Hindu and Buddhist forms of religion.

These to us imperfect and unsatisfactory conceptions of the Divine may have been the rude but honest efforts of the earlier days of the human race to group the idea of a God-man which has been made so real and so full of joy to us in the Nativity and the Epiphany of the Christ. In this sense the early church may have been wiser than she wot of. Her aim was to select the best features of the heathen feasts and embody them for their purification in Christian practices and sacred rites and to wean the converts from their old superstitions to the deeper and more real truths of the Christian faith.

But in so doing she may have been the unconscious instrument of a divinely guided evolution in religious practice and belief which has ennobled and enriched the world. The symbolism of our Christmas to-day certainly lends itself in many ways to this point of view. In the greenery with which we deck our houses and churches and in the gift-laden fir trees which gladden our children's hearts, we still retain the symbols by which our heathen forefathers signified their faith in the power of returning sun to clothe the earth with green and hang new fruit on the trees. The Christmas carol may be a new birth of the hymns of the Saturnalia. The holly and mistletoe came from the Druid

"Yule" of "Merrie England" is the old Teutonic name of the religious festival of the winter solstice, during which Celt and Roman could trace the movements of their deities as they walked abroad in the world.

The Story Christmas Tells.

The Christian religion is not merely something built over the old ethnic religions as the church of St. Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome is built over the ruins of the old heathen temple of Minerva, or as the grove sacred to Adonis was planted by the order of the Emperor Hadrian over "the cave close to the village" which is now honored as the scene of the Saviour's birth. It had a larger and a deeper meaning. Christmas tells the story of a gradual but complete unfolding of the divine idea of religion as seen in the Christ Child, of its worship and its merry-making in its at once sacred and social feast.

The story is told simply but graphically by two of the four evangelists. St. Mark's gospel begins with the baptism of the Christ, so logically he had no need to tell the story of his birth and boyhood. St. John wrote near the close of the first century, and with the dominant idea of setting forth the divinity of Christ in opposition to the prevailing gnosti-



cism of the time. But St. Matthew, whose narrative bears traces of having been gleaned from Joseph and St. Luke, who probably got his information from Mary, have given us the story with a directness and a humaneness which the grotesque and often meretricious wonder-tales of the apocryphal gospels have but served to accentuate as a dark background to a touching and reverent picture.

Around the story legends naturally gathered. It was the custom in early days to decorate in this way the graves of heroes and some of these legends are no doubt the offspring of the "vulgar tattle" of the apocryphal gospel stories. In some parts of the world the bees are said to sing on Christmas eve. The cattle kneel in honor of the manger-bed at Bethlehem. The sheep go in procession in commemoration of the angels' visit to the shepherds. The Indians creep through the winter woods of Canada to see the deer kneel and look up to the Great Spirit. In the German Alps the cattle are thought to have the gift of language, and the story is told of an Alpine farmer's servant who hid in the stable on Christmas eve and heard the horses talking about his own death, which followed a few days later.

A Bosnian Legend.

There is a Bosnian legend that the sun leaps in the heavens and the stars dance around it. A great peace comes stealing down over mountain and forest. The rotten stumps stand straight and green on the hillside. The grass is bedewed with blossoms and the birds sing on the mountain tops in thanks to God. In Poland the heavens open and Jacob's ladder is set up between earth and sky. In Austria the candles are set in the window, that the Christ Child may not stumble when he comes to bless the home. In north Germany the tables are spread and the lights left burning for the Virgin Mary and her attending angel.

The English superstition is admirably voiced by the myriad-minded Shakespeare in "Hamlet:"

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Lord's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawn singeth all night long,
And then they say no spirit can walk abroad.
The nights are wholesome. Then no plane a strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

If a man will compliment his wife upon her youthful appearance and tell her that he loves her, she will forgive other white lies.

Origin of the Oldest Christmas Hymn

IN EVERY Roman Catholic church and in probably ninety-nine out of every hundred Protestant churches throughout Christendom this is the season when is heard that grand old hymn whose tender and solemn strains find an echo in the universal human heart—"Adeste Fideles" (Come, All Ye Faithful). It is the anthem sung at high mass at Christmastide for centuries past, calling Christ's worshippers to Bethlehem, where the new-born Savior lies.

This naive and beautiful Latin anthem is more ancient than its history, and goes back six or seven centuries. Saint Bonaventura, an Italian monk of the thirteenth century, who died in Lyons, France, in 1274, is credited with the authorship of the beginning:

Adeste fideles,
Laeti triumphantes,
Venite, Venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Oh, come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem.
See the new-born Saviour, king of all the angels.

Oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ, our Lord.

Saint Bonaventura was a Franciscan scholastic philos-

opher, and was surnamed "Doctor Seraphicus." His preserved writings are of a dogmatic or didactic nature exclusively, and this hymn is not to be found among them. Doubtless it is to be referred to the seraphic side of his genius and temperament. Its classic Latin cadences are of such lyric felicity that one cannot help but believe they were written to the noble and touching melody on whose wings they have floated to our time. Surely this is not too fantastic a suggestion, when it is remembered that the original Greek music of the Delphic hymn to Apollo is preserved intact, and that certain familiar phrases of the Gregorian chant, used to-day in the Roman mass, are identified by Hebrew historians as the same which were sung in Solomon's temple many centuries before the time of Christ.

The hymn "Adeste Fideles" is not known to have been used in England earlier than the seventeenth century. The musical setting, as we have it in modern notation, is ascribed by Novello to one John Reading, who was organist at Winchester cathedral from 1675 to 1681, and later at Winchester college. Its real origin is lost in the mists of antiquity which probably far antedates the middle ages and the Latin verses to which it has been inseparably wedded.

Word-language reaches but the one people or race to whom it is directly addressed. But the language of music is universal—it is "understood of the people" instantly all the wide world over—it needs not to be written in choice Latin nor translated into many tongues—it is caught up from the heart and echoes on forever. That is why the "Adeste Fideles" has become the Christmas hymn of all the world.

CHRISTMAS COMING

HOW THE HOLIDAY IS REGARDED BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

It Depends Entirely on One's View-point as to What the Day Brings to Each—The Child and Pater Differ.

CHRISTMAS is coming!" shouts the schoolboy, flinging his cap in the air. "Turkey and pudding! Mince pie, jolly pantomimes, and parties! Hurrah for Christmas!"

"Christmas is coming," says the draper. "Turn one of our showrooms into a toy bazar and get out the list of tickets required for the New Year's sale. What a good job Christmas has not followed in the steps of other old institutions. Thank goodness for Christmas!"

"Christmas is coming," murmurs the employe of the latter. "Hours of extra unpaid labor; bullying, sweating, hurry scurry to catch the train, then heigho! for home and holidays. If it only came quicker and stayed longer we should say 'Welcome Christmas!'"

"Christmas is coming," says busy mother. "There's the pudding, cakes and mince to make. And the shopping there is to do! Presents for the little ones' stockings, not forgetting something warm for father to wear, and some new curtains to make the house look gay. Christmas is coming—the busiest time of all the year—and the happiest."

"Christmas is coming," muses the child, gazing dreamily into the fire. "I wonder what Santa Claus will bring me this year? Let's see, I've written out 'doll,' 'perambulator,' and 'picture book,' and all three pieces of paper went up the chimney all right—though I'm not quite sure whether I spelt 'perambulator' just right. Still, Santa Claus will understand. Oh! I do hope he'll be quick and come. Dear old Father Christmas!"

"Dear, indeed!" echoes Pater. "Thank goodness he does only come once a year, for I should soon find myself in the bankruptcy court were he a frequent visitor. No wonder the abbreviation of the word 'Christmas' starts with 'X,' for it is the period of the 'ex's.' The young folk may hang their stockings, but I say hang Christmas!"

"Christmas is coming," reflects the errand boy as he fixes the sprig of mistletoe to his cap. "I must be on my best behavior for the next few days, no loitering on my errands, no back-answers when I'm grumbled at, then great shall be the number of my Christmas boxes."

"Christmas is coming," sneers the dyspeptic. "The time for over-feeding and drunkenness, cheap sentiment and evergreens. Turkey and mince! Ugh! the combination makes me shudder. How thankful I shall be when Christmas is gone!"

Christmas is coming." She murmurs the word as she stoops reverently over a tiny pair of shoes, a little white frock and blue sash, lying in a sacred corner of the drawer. Many Christmas ago these shoes pattered lightly hither and thither under a pair of eager, restless feet, that ribbon encircled a fairy form that danced in and out helping and hindering in a thousand ways the numerous preparations for Yuletide. A film of tears suddenly spreads over mother's eyes as she shuts the drawer and turns sharply away. Cruel Christmas! when you bring such memories as this for your gift.

Christmas Crackers. Do "plants" for making pretty gifts grow up to Christmas trees? And are "the sea-sons' greetings" sent by salt sons of the seas?

Are Yule-logs cut from snowdriftwood by Yuletide washed ashore? And could you stub a mistletoe against a parlor door?

If Eve had tried from holly-twigs a party-town to weave, Do you suppose that Adam would have called her "Christmas Eve?"

Saint Nicholas in autosols defies police and laws: Do regulations as to speed contain a Santa clause? —Lippincott's.

Yule Cake. On Christmas night, if a maiden place a piece of the Yule-cake under her pillow she will dream of her future husband. Also a portion of the cake should be kept for the next year, as it brings luck in the house. The Yule-cake must always be kept again partaken of on New Year's day if one would have a successful year.

Burning the Yule Log. The ancient Saxons burnt the yule log as a symbol of the turning of the year toward spring.

Christmas Customs of Every Land Seen in Washington

By EDWARD B. CLARK
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WASHINGTON not only has a United States Christmas celebration but it has the festivities that mark the Christmas season in all the civilized nations of the world. At the Russian embassy there is a Christmas fete after the manner of the people in the land of the czar; there are French doings at the great European republic's official residence, and there is the genuine old English Christmas at the home of the British ambassador, and so one may go on through the entire list of foreign representatives, not even barring the embassies of China and Japan, where in honor of the day, as Christian nations view it, the oriental officials have holiday dinners.

The South American people make much of Christmas. It is the great feast day in all Latin-American countries and the ambassadors and attaches and their families do not forget the customs of their native lands simply because for a few seasons they have been transplanted to new scenes. The "open house" is the order of the day in nearly every official residence in Washington after the family has had its own intimate celebration of the holiday. Large families are the rule rather than the exception among the ambassadors and ministers from the southern European and from the Central and South American countries. The children have a gala time of it at home and then the visiting begins. The presents that

green and so are the wild honey-suckle and the laurel, trees and plants that are abundant along the Potomac.

President Roosevelt was, as everyone knows, a nature lover. He took every opportunity that offered to get away from the city. His daily walks and rides took him far into the country, and on Christmas day during the last four years of his term of office he went to Pine Knot, a wooded, mountain country place that belonged to his wife. Mr. Roosevelt stayed in Washington until



CHRISTMAS PARTY OF PAN-AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE

son and Dixon line. So it is that a Washington Christmas day idea has been made to serve the ends of science.

It has been said that in years past a great many of the senators and representatives in congress went home to spend the holidays, but that now the practice largely has passed. An exception should be made for the past, and the present, as well, in the cases of those senators and members who have in charge legislation which has been proposed in bill form at the opening of the session of congress. When bills are introduced they are at once referred to committees and if the measures are of importance the chairmen of the committees to which they have been sent, make

were all busy erecting presepios in the homes of the quality, while the poorer folk were constructing their own. As the mainland grows more sophisticated the quaint old devotion is fading away; but in conservative Sicily people still make the presepio every year as they dress Christmas trees in New York. All over the island families are busy from December 1 to 15 putting their old presepios in order, or making new ones; and there is much calling to and fro to compare results and admire new and elaborate specimens of the art. The presepio may be a little thing on a stand in one corner, or it may occupy the whole side of a room.

It may represent a whole mountain side, made of the rough, flexible bark or the cork tree. Peaks, crags and precipices abound, with winding trails, houses and castles of colored cardboard, forests of twigs and sometimes tiny pipes to furnish brooks and lakes. In the center is the grotto, with the holy family within. A sky of blue paper is stretched above, with the Star of Bethlehem conspicuous, and over the hills come the shepherds bearing the gifts to the babe.

Spain, like Sicily, has never lost the presepio, and in both Spanish and Sicilian cities there are booths for the sale of miniature shepherds, magi and all the accessories of the art. In France the creche is not made at home, as in the southern countries, but it used to be a part of the Christmas decorations of every French church, and is still so in the rural districts. Many a polished cosmopolitan of Paris can remember working busily for days before Christmas in his childhood to help freshen up and rejuvenate the creche of his parish church in some little village of France. In the villages close by Paris to-day children who go about the streets singing Christmas carols carry a little creche in a box upon their shoulders.

The manger typifies the difference between the Latin and the Teuton Christmas. The Latin Christmas is a purely religious festival, as much so as any other feast of the church. It has no particularly domestic or social quality. Italian children never get presents on Christmas day. That is done on All Souls' day, in October, when they believe—if they are very small—that the spirits of their departed relatives have come back in the night and left presents for them; undoubtedly a very ancient relic of ancestor worship. It is the great Teuton family of nations that give presents to children on Christmas day. And the Christmas tree came out of the vast forests where dwelt the heathen German and Scandinavian tribes. It is, in fact, a pagan relic, passed down from primitive forest dwellers and worshippers. Where Celt, Slav or Latin use it, they have borrowed it.

France, half Latin and half Celt, dashed with Gaul and Viking, is a family by herself in this, as in everything. She builds the manger in the churches, but at home, though she seldom dresses a Christmas tree, little Babette and Pierre set their shoes by the fireplace instead of

hanging up their stockings. Pierre and Babette, if they are very small indeed, believe that "le petit Jesus" or "le petit Noel"—"the little Jesus" or "the little Christmas"—have brought the gifts. But the average French child is as sophisticated as young America, and Pierre has to be a very little boy indeed, to believe in "le petit Jesus." No French or Italian child ever hears of Santa Claus till he comes to America; by which it may be gathered that that good saint was strictly German, and when he emigrated, came to America like all the rest of the Germans.

The growth of the typical American Christmas, with its universal Christmas greens and present-giving, is a curious phenomenon. It has no roots in American history. The original settlers of New England never observed it. The Dutch of New Amsterdam scarcely noticed it, but made New Year's the great, joyous, popular festival. Within the memory of old people still living Christmas passed unobserved in New York, while all holiday merrymaking centered in New Year's day. Modern America has built up a Christmas festival of its own, and has rejected definitely the religious feast in favor of the social and domestic one. In one way, however, the American Christmas is more religious than any and all the Latin church feasts put together. One who has lived through a year's changing round of saints' days in Italy, in all of which no work is done and the people take holiday, will observe that the thought of the people never goes out to those in need. The abounding giving of an American Christmas, the uneasy, uncomfortable feeling that every child, at least, must have, if possible, a good dinner and a present on Christmas day, is quite unknown in the Latin countries.

The feeling that poor old bums and hoboes, even the criminals in their prisons, the paupers in their almshouses, the beggars, the unworthy—all ought to have something good to eat on that day, and a little Christmas cheer in some form—is part of the American Christmas.

The races that come to the melting pot of America keep their home Christmas for only a few years after they arrive. Then they drift off into a more or less Americanized Christmas.

For a few years after they come, also, they try to eat their traditional dishes at Christmas time. The Hungarian housemother makes the Christmas cakes which a long line of ancestral cooks made before her across seas. They are round balls of dough, covered with honey and poppy seed, and then baked. The Bohemians and Poles also make poppy seed cakes, each in a different style. The Sicilian housewife, too, has a traditional Christmas cake. It is a ring of dough with a hole in the middle—the Italian doughnut, in fact—which is fried, sprinkled with sugar and eaten hot.



CHINESE STUDENTS AT CHRISTMAS REUNION AT CHINESE LEGATION

are purchased and stored temporarily in the embassies are not all for the adults and children of the household. The probable visitors of the day are borne in mind and as a little Brazilian boy in Washington put it once: "I have had ten Christmases in ten hours."

Church going on Christmas day is the rule in Washington. Some persons have been unkind enough to say that all the American officials go to church on Christmas because the fact is very apt to get into the newspapers and "it reads well at home." The majority of the Central American and South American diplomats temporarily resident in Washington, are nominally at least good churchmen, and they attend service as a matter of training and as a matter of course. Practically all the women from the Latin-American countries are religiously devout, and with them church going on Christmas is a matter of duty that is not to be neglected under any circumstances. No child is allowed to miss church and the result is that all the capital city temples of worship are well filled on the feast day.

President Taft always has been a regular attendant at church and his service going since he became president establishes no precedent. Mrs. Taft and the children are Episcopalians, while the president is a Unitarian, and so it is that Sundays and other church days are the only days in the year that the family becomes in a sense divided. The president attends service at the Unitarian church of All Souls, of which the Rev. U. G. B. Pierce is the pastor. Mrs. Taft and the children are regular attendants at St. John's Episcopal church which in years past was attended by so many presidents of the United States that it came to be known semi-jocosely as "the Church of State." Mrs. Roosevelt and her children also attended St. John's on Sundays and Christmas days, while Mr. Roosevelt went to the little German Reformed church on Fifteenth street, and rarely missed a service.

This Christmas season the majority of the members of both houses of congress are in the capital city. Time was, and not so long ago, that senators and representatives took their families and went home to spend the holiday season, but now, for financial reasons, the national legislators in the main elect to stay in Washington for their holiday making. Prior to the passage of the last railroad rate bill most of the members of congress had passed on the railroads. Now they have to pay their way when they travel and for those who live at a distance from Washington this means a considerable expenditure of money in case they desire to go home at Christmas.

Every employee of the White House is given a Christmas turkey by the president. This is a custom of many years standing, and only once or twice has it been broken. The clerks in the departments, and there are many thousands of them, not only get a Christmas holiday, but are allowed to leave their work at noon on the day previous in order that they may do their Christmas shopping. The lot of the department clerk in Washington is not a hard one, as far as the matter of holidays is concerned. Every employee is given a month's leave on full pay in each year, and is allowed another month "to be sick in." This last statement means, of course, only that if an employee is ill he or she receives full pay for one month on receipt of the physician's certificate that the illness has been real. The clerks get seven or eight holidays each year, and these, taken in connection with the month's leave, and with the fact that the hours of work number only seven and a half each day, make the laboring condition of the department clerk fairly comfortable.

Washington's Christmas is always a green Christmas, even if there is snow on the ground, for in this latitude there are many trees and shrubs that hold their leaves and their color all through the year. As a matter of fact there is rarely any snow in the capital city that is worthy of the name. All last winter, save for a few hours, the streets were bare of snow. Then came March 4th, inauguration day, and a record-making blizzard with a downfall of snow, hail and rain mixed. The holiday is always

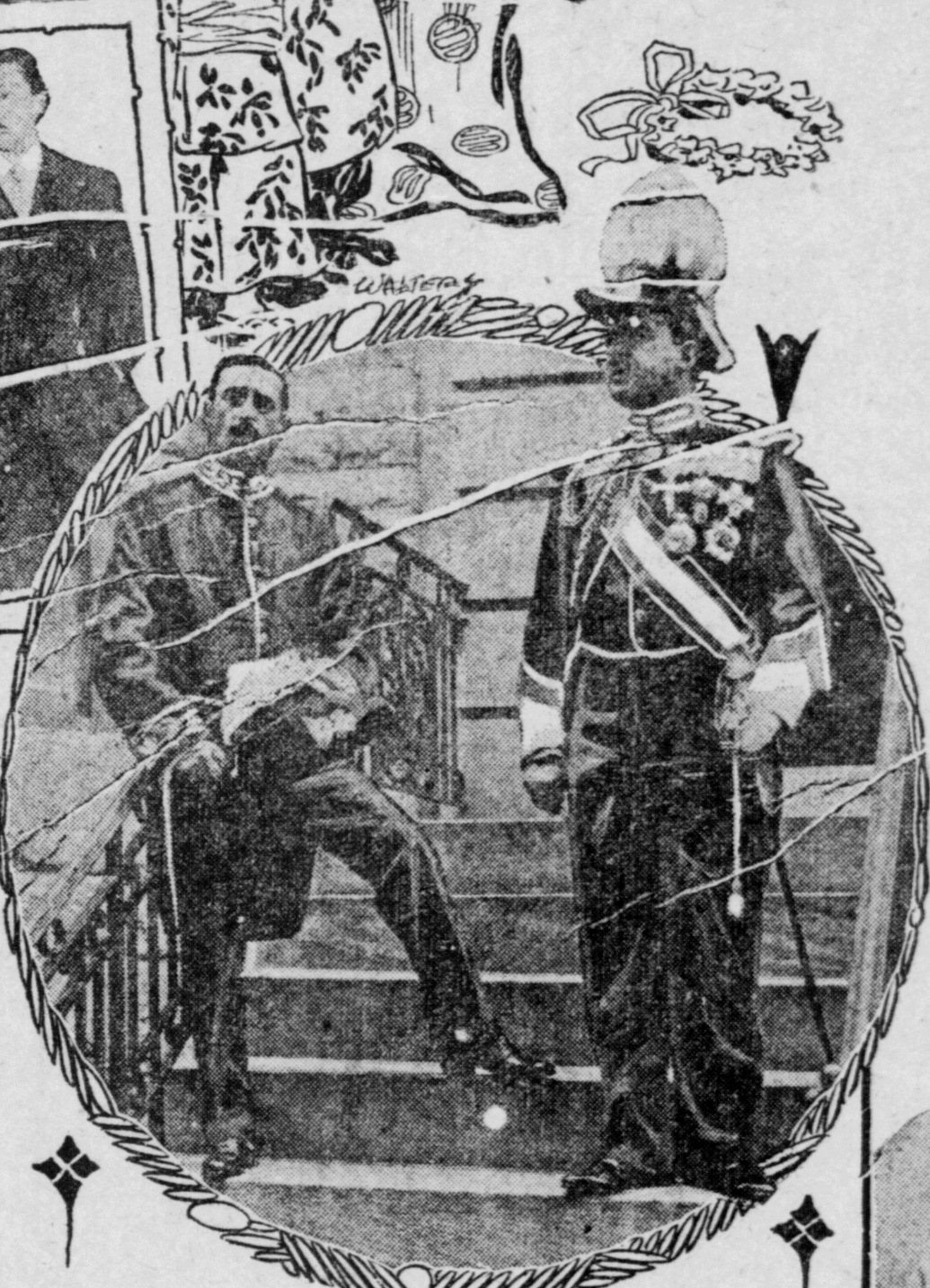
the festivities of the day were over and the children had a chance to take account of their presents, and then he left for the log cabin in Virginia where he could sit in front of a huge open fire with a genuine "old Christmas" back log. On these Christmas outings Mr. Roosevelt did a little rabbit shooting and tried to do some turkey shooting, but the major part of the day time he spent in the fields armed only with an opera glass, with which he studied the winter birds, always with an eye sharpened to the possibility of finding some species that was rare.

President Taft loves nature, too, in a way, but he is not much of a trumper excepting where the walk leads over the golf links on which he spends his holiday afternoons, Christmas included, for in Washington because of the comparative mildness of the climate, the game of golf is possible nearly every day in the year.

There are several hundred officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington, most of them being detailed for office work in the departments for a term of four years. The naval officers perhaps enjoy their holiday-making in the capital more than do their brothers of the army, for the sailors have been compelled to spend many Christmases at sea away from their wives and families, while here they may gather their families about them and not break any sea regulations in so doing. The army officer, whether he goes to the Philippines or to some distant frontier post, ordinarily takes his family with him and so Christmas day does not to him necessarily bring with it the sense of loneliness and homesickness that it brings to the man at sea.

In the biological survey, which is a bureau of the department of agriculture, there are many scientists at work. Most of these men have spent a large part of their lives in the wilds studying birds and mammals, and shells, plants and fishes, to say nothing of reptiles. The office life is irksome to these scientists. They belong to the free air, the barren plains, and the pine forests. So it is that on every holiday that brings with it a release from office cares, they take to the open fields. About the hills in many places about Washington on Christmas day there are to be seen the little camp fires of the scientists who are cooking their mid-day Christmas dinners under the open sky.

Some time ago all the bird students in the United States were asked, if they could, to make a trip afield on Christmas day and to make a list of the birds that they found. Thousands of bird lovers followed the suggestion and are still following it. Each one of the students turns in a report to a central headquarters giving the names of the birds that on Christmas day fell under his observation. As a result of this practice the Washington scientists have many valuable notes concerning "out of season" birds. For instance, the report came to Washington on a Christmas or two ago, that on the holiday four mocking birds were seen and positively identified in the fields near Boston, Mass. Other birds were reported from other northern localities, birds that in the ordinary course of things ought to have been far south of the Ma-



SPANISH MINISTER AND SECRETARY STARTING ON ROUND OF CALLS



MISS KIYO TAKAHIRA, DAUGHTER OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

a study of them in order that their merits and demerits may be determined. In some cases this means long and continued study and it is not at all an unusual thing to find a committee chairman giving over the joys or the home life on Christmas day to consult precedents and to formulate arguments to be used for or against some proposed legislation, and to find him doing this in the seclusion of a stuffy office room on Christmas day.

A good many Washington people, especially those who came here from the south, go over into Virginia to hunt on Christmas day. In parts of the Old Dominion fox hunting is still the order of the winter day, and if the fox is not in evidence there are always rabbits and quail, while on the lower Potomac and in the marshes along Chesapeake bay in open winters, the ducks and the geese are fairly abundant. The outdoor life appeals strongly to the southerner, and in many cases the northerners who have come to the Potomac country have formed the hunting habit and join the Christmas day outing parties of their southern cousins.

Christmas is the great holiday of Washington. From high to low the people make the most of it. There is good cheer everywhere evident and charity is not forgotten.

AMERICA'S CHRISTMAS THE BEST OF ALL

An occasional Jersey commuter, familiar with the religious section of Barclay street, is commonly the only sort of American in New York who knows a presepio by sight. Yet the presepio is the sign of the Latin Christmas, as the fir tree is of the northern. The manger of the Barclay street windows shows only the inside of the stable, with the figures and the cattle done in Italian terra cotta. But the real presepio in its native land may show the whole countryside as well, and if the pilgrims wending their way to the manger are good Sicilian peasants, bearing good Sicilian wine and cheese on their donkeys, they are only the more interesting.

St. Francis, born in the quaint little town of Assisi among the brown Umbrian hills, in 1182, invented the presepio to make the Christmas story plain to the simple, illiterate common people. During the 800 years since it has remained a favorite devotion in Latin Europe. The Italian and Spanish call it the presepio; the manger; the Belgians, Betlem; the cradle; and the Hungarians and

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The executive committee of the fourth annual convention of the Oklahoma Education association which meets at Oklahoma City December 29, 30 and 31 wishes to impress the state teachers and the entire citizenship of the state to what it terms one of the most glaring defects in the educational system of Oklahoma.

This is the insecurity of the teacher in his position. The committee states that civil service will remedy this. And Hon. Chas. B. Aycock, ex-governor of North Carolina and Hon. Jas. R. Garfield, President Roosevelt's secretary of the interior, will deliver addresses on this subject. Both these gentlemen have stood for higher educational ideals for years.

The merit system can easily be established in our state if the teachers will show Oklahoma people how much superior it is to the system—rather lack of system—that now prevails.

Santa Claus Letter.

My Dear Santa Claus:

As I have decided to spend Xmas with Aunt Nettie Mae (Mrs. Lee) I thought I had better write and tell you, so you could bring my doll, and bed, iron and ring, candy and nuts to Ada. Instead of Stone-wall. I've been real good and believe you will bring my things without fail. I'm three years old.

Don't forget any little children. I'll look for you Friday night.

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**We Are Victorious—Zelaya's Men Are
in Retreat, Message Sent by
Secretary of State for the
Government.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—Zelaya's army has been defeated by the troops of General Estrada, according to advices reaching Dr. Castrillo, the representative here of the Estrada provisional government.

The battle was fought at Rama today and the cablegram declares the Zelaya army is in retreat.

The dispatch, which is signed by Diaz, secretary of state for the provisional government, is as follows:

"We are victorious, Zelaya's troops are in retreat."

Rout Is Complete.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.—The revolutionists under command of General Estrada have completely routed Zelayan forces near Rama. Estrada has captured Rocio, Vasquez's strongest position, and he has been victorious all along the line which stretches for a distance of eight miles.

Yesterday the forward movement began, detachments being sent out under General Luis Nena, Fornas Diaz, Alfredo Diaz, Chamono and Matuty. It was General Mena's task to outflank Gonzales, who directed the defense of the great body of government troops. These in large numbers were well entrenched, but Estrada's followers were armed with the fastest equipment and machine guns were brought in to play to clear the trenches. The casualties on the government side were high, the greatest execution being done at Rocio, which the revolutionists finally took by assault.

Among those in the revolutionary ranks was Captain Godfrey Fowler, formerly of the Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. A., who was in command of the military on the firing line.

Tatumbia was captured this afternoon by General Mena after a bloody fight. Tatumbia also was one of the strongest positions of the government forces, but the revolutionists were in greater numbers and had with them effective artillery.

General Zeledon arrived this morning from Monkey Point with 300 men and one Hotchkiss. He left this afternoon for Rama. The steamer Ustein arrived here this afternoon with four Maxim and 1,000 rifles.

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